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TO MY YOUNG FRIENDS,

THE CHILDREN OF MY PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

I HAVE made this collection of Hymns and Prayers, for the use of the School, but especially for your good—your happiness. I have selected only a few, that you might commit them more perfectly to memory, and make them familiar as household things. A mind filled with choice hymns, is well guarded against evil thoughts. It is a source of great pleasure to the aged, the sick and the good, to recall to mind and to repeat the hymns which they have learned; because they awaken cheering reflections, and suggest high and holy subjects for meditation. For this purpose I have selected a few hymns, that you might store your memories, and that in times of sickness, in times of joyful health, in your morning and evening devotions, you might have them to express your thoughts and feelings.

To the hymns I have added a few prayers for the use of the school, in the absence or inability of one to lead in the devotional exercises, and two others as forms or models in your private devotions. Do not confine yourself to these when you have any thing else to say before God.

“God is so good, that he will hear
Whenever children humbly pray;
He always lends a gracious ear
To what the youngest child may say.”

In conclusion, let me hope that each one of you will commit to memory all the "Hymns to be used at Home;" and that each will repeat one of these hymns every morning and night.

Let your first thoughts, and your last, be of your Heavenly Father; then peace and joy will attend you through life, and await you in heaven. That we may all at last meet with Jesus our Savior, in his Father's mansion, is the sincere prayer of,

Your affectionate Friend and Pastor,

O. C. EVERETT.

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TO BE USED AT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

I.

GOD HEARETH PRAYER. [L. M.]

1. God is so good, that he will hear
Whenever children humbly pray;
He always lends a gracious ear
To what the youngest child can say.
2. His own most holy book declares
That, as a tender father will,
He listens to our lowly prayers,
And what we ask, will grant us still.
3. He loves to hear a grateful tongue
Thank him for all his mercies given;
And when on earth his praise is sung,
The cheerful notes are heard in heaven.

II.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. [P. M.]

1. Great God in heaven above,
We offer up in love
This hymn of praise;
Help us, O Lord, to be
True worshippers of thee;
And keep us ever free
From evil ways.

2. May all our teachers feel
 A pure and holy zeal
 To serve thee well;
 And may they hand in hand,
 A blest and happy band,
 Lead children to that land
 Where angels dwell.
3. May every opening mind
 Some true instruction find,
 Some glory see;
 And, like the budding flower
 Beneath the summer's shower,
 Show tokens of that power,
 Which comes from thee.
4. Oh, may this place be dear
 To all who gather here
 For heavenly food;
 And now, O God, we pray
 That this blest Sabbath day
 With joy may pass away,
 And do us good.

 III.

SABBATH MORNING.

[L. M.]

1. Father in heaven, thy ceaseless love
 Has brought us to this holy day;
 Blest with thy kindness from above,
 Another week has passed away.
2. Grant us, O Lord, a grateful heart
 To feel thy goodness and obey:
 Ne'er may we from thy love depart,
 Ne'er may we leave thy heavenly way.

3. Grant us, this day, a willing mind
To learn what thou would'st have us do,
And how we may thy favor find,
And love and serve each other too!
 4. Thy happy children may we live,
Thy happy children may we die;
To all may God, our Father, give
A home of peace above the sky.
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IV.

FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL. [L. M.]

1. Bless, Father! bless this youthful band,
Who here around thine altar stand:
Make each young heart thy favored shrine
And fill it with thy love divine.
 2. And he, thy watchman on this tower,
Gird him with grace, and strength, and power;
His heart sustain, his spirit cheer,
And bless him with thy presence here.
 3. Guide those who wait with patient love,
To point each infant eye above;
To them a great reward be given,
Thy peace on earth,—thy smile in heaven.
 4. And when our feet thy courts shall tread,
By Thee, our Father, gently led,
There may we all the chorus raise,
Of fervent prayer and grateful praise.
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V.

EARLY PIETY. [C. M.]

1. When children give their hearts to God,
'T is pleasing in his eyes;

A flower, when offered in the bud,
Is no vain sacrifice.

2. 'T is better far, if we begin
To fear the Lord betimes;
While sinners, who grow old in sin,
Are hardened in their crimes.
 3. It saves us from a thousand snares,
To mind religion young;
Grace will preserve our following years,
And make our virtue strong.
 4. To thee, Almighty God! to thee
Our childhood we resign:
'T will please us to look back and see
That our whole lives were thine.
 5. Let the sweet work of prayer and praise
Employ our youngest breath:
Thus we 're prepared for longer days,
Or fit for early death.
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VI.

EXAMPLE OF CHRIST.

[L. M.]

1. Whene'er the angry passions rise,
And tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife,
On Jesus let us fix our eyes,
Bright pattern of the Christian life.
2. O, how benevolent and kind!
How mild! how ready to forgive!
Be his the temper of our mind,
And his the rules by which we live.

3. To do his heavenly Father's will,
Was his employment and delight;
Humility and holy zeal
Shone through his life divinely bright!
 4. Dispensing good where'er he came,
The labors of his life were love:
If then we love the Savior's name,
Let his divine example move.
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VII.

ON THE DEATH OF A PUPIL. [C. M.]

1. Death has been here, and borne away
A *brother** from our side,—
Just in the morning of *his* day,
As young as we—*he* died.
2. Not long ago, *he* filled *his* place,
And sat with us to learn:
But *he* has run *his* mortal race,
And never can return.
3. May we attend with willing feet,
The means of knowledge here;
And wait around thy mercy seat,
With hope as well as fear.
4. All needful strength is thine to give,
To thee our souls apply
For grace to teach us how to live,
And make us fit to die.

* The words which are italicised, may be changed to adapt the hymn to the death of a female pupil.

VIII.

ON THE DEATH OF A TEACHER. [C. M.]

1. Farewell, dear friend! a long farewell,
For we shall meet no more,
Till we are raised with thee to dwell
On Zion's happier shore.
2. Our friend and *sister*,* lo! is dead!
The cold and lifeless clay
Has made in dust its silent bed,
And there it must decay.
3. Farewell, dear friend, again farewell;
Soon we shall rise to thee;
And when we meet, no tongue can tell
How great our joys shall be.
4. No more we 'll mourn thee, parted friend,
But lift our ardent prayer;
And every thought and effort bend,
To rise and join thee there.

IX.

CLOSING HYMN. [L. M.]

1. When to the house of God we go,
To hear his word and sing his love,
To offer praises here below
With all the saints in heaven above;
2. Our God is present with us there,
And watches all our thoughts and ways;
Oh! let us humbly join in prayer,
Let us sincerely sing his praise!

* The word "*sister*," might be changed to *brother*, to adapt the hymn to the death of a male teacher.

3. Oh! may we never thoughtless go,
Nor lose the days our God has given;
But learn, by Sabbaths spent below,
To spend eternity in heaven.
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X.

CLOSING HYMN.

[L. M.]

1. Again we've seen the Sabbath day,
And heard of Jesus and of heaven;
We thank thee, Father, and we pray
That all our sins may be forgiven.
 2. May all we've heard and understood,
Be well remembered through the week;
And help to make us wise and good,
More humble, diligent and meek.
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XI.

CLOSING HYMN.

[L. M.]

1. Guide of our youth, to thee we pray;
Help us to tread thy holy way;
And may our whole of life be past,
As we shall wish it had at last.
2. Oh, smile on those whose time and care,
Are spent in our instruction here;
And let our conduct ever prove
Our gratitude for all their love.
3. Through life may we perform thy will,
Our various duties all fulfil;
Then join the friends we here have known,
In nobler songs around thy throne.

XII.

CLOSING HYMN. [8 & 7's M.]

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,
Smile upon us from above;
May we each thy peace possessing,
Trust in thy paternal love!
2. Thanks we give and adoration,
For thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
3. Make us gentle, kind and lowly;
Teach us, Father, from thy word,
How we may be good and holy,
Like to Jesus Christ our Lord!

HYMNS
TO BE USED AT HOME.

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XIII.

SINCERE PRAYER.

[c. m.]

1. When daily I kneel down to pray,
As I am taught to do,
God will not answer what I say,
Unless I feel it too.
2. Some idle play, or childish toy,
Can send my thoughts abroad;
Though it should be my greatest joy
To love and seek the Lord.
3. Oh, let me never, never dare
To act the trifler's part,
Or think that God will hear a prayer
Which comes not from the heart.
4. But if I make his ways my choice,
As holy children do,
Then, while I seek him with my voice,
My heart will love him too.

XIV.

GOODNESS OF GOD.

[c. m.]

1. Lord, I would own thy tender care,
And all thy love to me;
The food I eat, the clothes I wear,
Are all bestowed by thee.

2. 'Tis thou preservest me from death
And dangers every hour:
I cannot draw another breath,
Unless thou giv'st the power.
3. My health, and friends, and parents dear,
To me by God are given;
I have not any blessings here,
But what are sent from heaven.
4. Such goodness, Lord, and constant care,
A child can ne'er repay;
But may it be my daily prayer
To love thee and obey.

XV.

TRUST IN GOD.

[c. m.]

1. Now that my journey's just begun,
My road so little trod,
I'll come before I further run,
And give myself to God.
2. What sorrows may my steps attend,
I never can foretell;
But if the Lord will be my friend,
I know that all is well.
3. If all my earthly friends should die,
And leave me mourning here,
Since God can hear the orphan's cry,
O, what have I to fear?
4. If I am poor, he can supply,
Who has my table spread;
Who feeds the ravens when they cry
And fills his poor with bread.

5. If I am rich, he'll guard my heart
Temptation to withstand;
And make me willing to impart
The bounties of his hand.
6. But, Lord, whatever grief or ill
For me may be in store,
Make me submissive to thy will,
And I would ask no more.

XVI.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

[C. M.]

1. Lord, teach a little child to pray,
And O, accept my prayer;
Thou hearest all the words I say,
For thou art every where.
2. A little sparrow cannot fall
Unnoticed, Lord, by thee;
And though I am so young and small,
Thou dost take care of me.
3. Teach me to do whate'er is right,
And, when I sin, forgive;
And make it still my chief delight
To love thee while I live.

XVII.

GOD OUR FATHER.

[L. M.]

1. Great God! and wilt thou condescend
To be my Father and my Friend?
I but a child, and Thou so high,
The Lord of earth, and air, and sky?

2. Art thou my Father?—Let me be
A meek, obedient child to thee;
And try, in every deed and thought,
To serve and please thee as I ought.
3. Art thou my Father?—I'll depend
Upon the care of such a friend;
And only wish to do and be
Whatever seemeth good to Thee.
4. Art thou my Father?—Then at last,
When all my days on earth are past,
Send down, and take me, in thy love,
To be thy better child above.

 XVIII.

EVENING HYMN.

[c. M.]

1. Since now another day is gone,
I'll sing my Maker's praise;
My comforts every hour make known
His providence and grace.
2. And when my eyes are closed in sleep,
Let angels guard my head;
And through the hours of darkness keep
Their watch around my bed.
3. With cheerful heart I'll close my eyes,
Since God will not remove;
Then in the morning let me rise,
Rejoicing in His love.

XIX.

EVENING HYMN.

[L. M.]

And now I lay me down to sleep,
 I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
 If I should die before I wake,
 I pray the Lord my soul to take.

XX.

THE ORPHAN'S HYMN.

[C. M.]

1. Where shall the child of sorrow find
 A place for calm repose?
 Thou Father of the fatherless,
 Pity the orphan's woes!
 2. What friend have I in heaven or earth,
 What friend to trust but thee?
 My father's dead, my mother's dead;
 My God, remember me!
 3. Thy gracious promise now fulfil,
 And bid my trouble cease;
 In thee the fatherless shall find
 Rich mercy, love, and peace.
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XXI.

RESIGNATION.

[C. M.]

1. How sweet to be allowed to pray
 To God, the Holy One,
 With filial love and trust to say,
 O God! thy will be done.
2. We in these sacred words can find
 A cure for every ill;

They calm and soothe the troubled mind,
And bid all care be still.

3. O let that will which gave me breath,
And an immortal soul,
In joy or grief, in life or death,
My every wish control.
4. O teach my heart the blessed way
To imitate thy Son!
Teach me, O God, in truth to pray,
Thy will, not mine, be done.

XXII.

LOVE.

[L. M.]

1. The God of heaven is pleased to see
A little family agree;
And will not slight the praise they bring,
When loving children join to sing.
2. For love of kindreds please him more
Than if we give him all our store;
And children here, who dwell in love,
Are like his happy ones above.
3. Great God! forgive, whenever we
Forget thy will and disagree;
And grant that each of us may find
The sweet delight of being kind,

XXIII,

OBEDIENCE.

[c. M.]

1. O, that it were my chief delight
To do the things I ought!
Then let me try, with all my might,
To mind what I am taught.

2. Wherever I am told to go,
I'll cheerfully obey;
Nor will I mind it much, although
I leave some pleasing play.
3. And when I learn my hymns to say,
To work, and read, and spell;
I will not think about my play,
But try to do them well.
4. For God looks down from heaven on high,
Our actions to behold;
And he is pleased when children try
To do as they are told.

 XXIV.

LOVE TO THE SMALLEST CREATURES. [c. m.]

1. O turn that little foot aside,
Nor crush beneath its tread,
The humblest creature of the earth,
That looks to God for bread.
2. Thou shouldst not dare, in wanton sport,
Such wondrous skill to mar;
To stop the tide of joyous life,
Which God has nourished there.
3. If He, who made the universe,
Stoops down in kindest love,
To make an insect of the earth
From his high throne above;
4. Oh, who should dare that insect's life
In wantonness destroy;
Or give a pang to any thing
That he has made for joy.

5. My child, begin in little things
 To act a gentle part;
 For God will turn his love away
 From every cruel heart.

 XXV.

SPRING.

[c. m.]

1. Hark! the little birds are singing,
 Winter's gone and summer's near;
 See the tender grass is springing,
 And the flowers will soon be here.
2. Who made the winter and the spring?
 Who painted all the flowers?
 Who taught the little birds to sing,
 And made these hearts of ours?
3. O, 'tis God! how good he is!
 He does every blessing give:
 All this happy world is his—
 Let us love him while we live,

 XXVI.

HYMN FOR A LITTLE CHILD.

[c. m.]

1. In winter where can be the flowers,
 The leaves that look so green?
 There's not a bud in all the bowers,
 Nor daisy to be seen.
2. And who will bring them back again,
 When pleasant spring comes out;
 And plant them up and down the lane,
 And spread them all about?
3. And who will bring the little lambs
 With wool as soft as silk,

- And teach them how to know their dams,
And where to find the milk,
4. And who will teach the little birds
To build their nests on high;
And though they cannot speak in words,
To teach their young to fly?
5. The Lord in heaven—'tis there he dwells,
Who all these things can do;
And his own book, the Bible, tells
Much more about him too.
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XXVII.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

1. I love to join the joyful play,
To sport beside the shady pool;
To watch my kite soar far away,
But more I love the Sabbath school.
2. For there I meet my teacher's smile,
And read and learn the holy book,
And O, my heart, doth feel the while
That God is pleased on us to look.
3. And when we bend the knee in prayer,
And hymns to our Redeemer raise,
It seems to me that God is there,
To hear us pray and sing his praise.
4. While others slight the Sabbath day,
And shun the gospel's joyful sound,
O may I cleave to wisdom's way,
And ever in my class be found.

XXVIII.

STARS.

1. Stars, that on your wondrous way,
Twinkle in the evening sky,
Is there nothing you can say,
To a child so small as I?
Tell me, for I long to know
Who has made you sparkle so.
2. Child, as surely as we roll
Through the dark and distant sky,
You have an immortal soul,
Made to live when we must die:
Suns and planets pass away,
Spirits never can decay.
3. Yes, and God who bade us roll,
God, who placed us in the sky,
Stoops to watch an infant soul
With a condescending eye;
And esteems it dearer far,
More in value than a star.

XXIX.

GOOD THOUGHTS.

1. I must not speak a naughty word,
I must not tell a lie;
I must not contradict, and make
My little sister cry.
2. And if I have a piece of cake,
When I with children play,
I must not eat it all myself,
But give a part away.

XXX.

THE GOOD CHILD.

1. I love to do as I am bid,
I love to please mamma;
I love to get my lesson too,
And spell to my papa.
2. When children want my pretty toys,
Or little picture book,
I dearly love to give them up,
And see how pleased they look.
3. I love to please the Savior, too,
And mind the rule he's given;
For then I think that I shall go
To live with him in heaven.

XXXI.

GOD IS IN HEAVEN.

1. God is in heaven—can he hear
A little prayer like mine?
Yes, thoughtful child, thou need'st not fear;
He listeneth to thine.
2. God is in heaven—can he see
When I am doing wrong?
Yes that he can; he looks at thee
All day and all night long.
3. God is in heaven—would he know
If I should tell a lie?
Yes, if thou saidst it very low,
He'd hear it in the sky.

4. God is in heaven—may I pray
 To go there when I die?
 Yes, love him here, and then one day
 He'll call you to the sky.
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XXXII.

FILIAL LOVE.

1. My father, my mother, I know,
 I cannot your kindness repay,
 But I hope, as older I grow,
 I shall learn your commands to obey.
2. You loved me before I could tell
 Who it was that so tenderly smiled,
 But now that I know it so well,
 I should be a dutiful child.
3. But for fear that I ever should dare
 From all your commands to depart,
 Whene'er I am saying my prayers,
 I'll ask for a dutiful heart.
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XXXIII.

MORNING THOUGHTS.

1. Now before I run to play,
 I must not forget to pray
 To Him who kept me through the night,
 And woke me with the morning light.
2. Help me, Lord, to love thee more
 Than I ever loved before;
 In my work and in my play
 Be thou with me through the day.

XXXIV.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

1. How pleasant is Saturday night,
 When I've tried all the week to be good;
 Not spoken a word that was bad,
 And done all the good that I could.
 2. To-morrow the sweet Sabbath comes,
 Which our merciful Father has given,
 That we may have rest from our work,
 And prepare for the joys of his heaven.
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XXXV.

ANOTHER WORLD.

There is beyond the sky,
 A world of joy and love;
And holy children, when they die
 Go to that world above.

PRAYERS
FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

P R A Y E R .

What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also, which is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven, forgive your trespasses.
—Mark xi. 24—26.

PRAYERS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

PRAYER. No. I.

Our Father in heaven, our constant and best Friend, we would now draw nigh to Thee. Thou hearest prayer. Thou seest us always, at home and in school, in our studies and our plays. Thou watchest over us night and day. Thou hast given us life and health and our daily bread. Thou hast given us tender parents, kind teachers, pleasant and faithful friends. Thy goodness is continually shown toward us. Thou hast sent Jesus, thy beloved Son, to teach us thy will, to show us the way to heaven and to Thee. O God, thou hast loved us before we knew Thee, and when we have been ungrateful and not worthy of thy love. O may we be truly sorry for our sins; for disobedience to our parents and unkindness to our friends; for inattention at school and in the house of God. O Thou, who lovest all thy children, make us worthy of thy love. Keep us from harm, save us from sin. Give us a grateful mind, and an understanding heart. Father, thou hast given us a happy home here on earth. Father, when we die, give us a home in heaven, with thy Son our Savior, and with all our friends, that we may live with thee, and love thee forever. Amen.

PRAYER. No. II.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, thou hast taught us that Thou knowest all things. Though we cannot see Thee, yet Thou seest us always. When we do wrong in the dark, or in

the light, thine eye is upon us, and when we try to raise our thoughts so as to think of Thee, Thou knowest it and art well pleased. We desire to know more about Thee and thy love. Wilt thou direct our parents and our teachers, that they may tell us what we ought to do to please Thee. In these days of our youth, may we remember thee, our Creator, And delight to raise our feeble thoughts to heaven. May we think of Jesus our Savior with warm affection; may we all love one another, as he loved us. May we obey Thee like good children, and so be happy forever. May we feel now, and at all times, how pleasant it is for children to dwell together in harmony; And may the peace and love of our Lord and Savior be with us all forever. Amen.

PRAYER. No. III.

Our Father, who art in heaven, We would lift up our hearts with our voices unto Thee. We thank Thee for all thy goodness to us the past week; That in all its hours, by day and by night, thy watchful eye has been upon us; That thou hast preserved us in times of danger, and hast supplied us all our real wants. We pray that we may ever love thee, and Jesus, and one another, and all men. We would be pure in heart, gentle and peaceable in life. We would be able always to govern our passions, And would never allow hatred to rest in our bosoms. May we be disposed to promote peace and love wherever we can. May we love the company of those who are kind and affectionate, cheerful and good; And, by being so ourselves, may we make others so too. O Lord, may we remember that we have all one Father in heaven; that one Savior has loved us and died for us; and that there is one home in heaven for all who love God and man. May we then love thee as our Father. May we love one another as brothers and sisters. May we all be glad when others are happy; and all be sorry when others are troubled. Hand in hand may we move along through the world together; Heart in heart may we live, forever praising and obeying Thee. At last may we all be found prepared to enter heavenly mansions, and rejoice with Thee and with thy Son, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER. No. IV.

Our Father in heaven, we would now draw nigh to Thee, not only with our lips, but with our hearts. Help us to feel that thine eye is upon us; that Thou knowest every thought, as well as deed and word; that Thou art not pleased if we are not sincere in our prayers. We would acknowledge thy goodness, which is seen in all thy works; Thou feedest the young ravens; Thou openest thy hand, and suppliest the wants of all thy creatures; Without thy notice, not a sparrow falleth to the ground; Thou givest to all their meat in due season. We would acknowledge thy goodness unto us, in that Thou hast preserved our lives, hast restored us in sickness, and delivered us from danger; hast given to us kind parents and friends and teachers, and placed us in this Christian land, amid good and holy influences. Although we have been unmindful of Thee, although we have violated thy holy commands, although we are unworthy of daily blessings; yet Thou dost continue thy favor to us, and dost return to us good for evil. We ask thy forgiveness for our forgetfulness of Thee, who art the Giver of every good and perfect gift; we ask thy pardon for our wrong doing. Hereafter may our lives, more obedient, show in us a sincere sorrow for the past wrong which we have done. Help us to see wherein we err, wherein we are doing any thing displeasing in thy sight. Help us to know and love and serve Thee aright. May our gratitude to Thee be manifested by our obedience to thy Son, whom Thou didst send to redeem all from sin and reconcile them to Thee; may we become his disciples by doing whatsoever he commanded, so that with him we may share in thy love. We ask thy forgiveness if we have been disobedient to our parents or teachers, unkind to our friends or companions; if we have shown a cold and cruel heart toward thine other creatures on earth; if we have not cherished love toward all, if we have returned evil for evil, instead of imitating Thee and thy Son by overcoming evil with good.

We ask thy blessing on our parents and pastor, upon our teachers and friends, upon all children, and upon all Sabbath schools. May love and peace be found in every dwelling in our village, and thy will be done on earth even as it is done

in heaven. May all, young and old, come to know Thee and thy Son, that they may be holy and happy. All which we humbly ask as thy children, and in the name of our Savior. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; May thy kingdom come. May thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR PRIVATE USE.

MORNING PRAYER.

O God, my heavenly Father, thou hast kept me from harm, by night and by day. Early will I seek Thee, and acknowledge thy goodness. I thank Thee that Thou hast permitted me to see and enjoy the light of another day, that I may do good and improve. I thank Thee that Thou hast given to me so many things to make life comfortable, and pleasant, and happy. Save me from all evil this day. Wheresoever I am, let me always remember that Thou, God, seest me; therefore may I be careful not to say or do any thing displeasing in thy sight. Bless my parents, and friends, and companions, as well as myself. May I live in peace and love with all; and by imitating the example of thy Son, may I grow in favor with Thee and with all men, and so become prepared to meet with Jesus in heaven. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

O God, my Father in heaven, another day has been added to my life, and again I am called to acknowledge thy kindness. I thank Thee for all that I have enjoyed this day; for the food and shelter and raiment which Thou hast in thy providence allowed me; for kind parents, friends and companions; for all which makes life pleasant to me. Forgive whatever Thou hast seen wrong at school or at home, in my disposition or conduct this day; pardon any unkind word or action. Help me to see and correct the wrong, and incline my heart to goodness. Take me under thy care and protec-

tion this night, when I can take no thought or care for myself. May I awake from sleep, refreshed and strengthened, to do thy will more faithfully, and to love Thee more affectionately. Watch over and bless all whom Thou hast connected with me. And unto Thee, through Jesus, thy Son, be rendered obedience, praise, and thanksgiving forever. Amen.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them.—*Eccles.* xii. 1.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.—*Ephes.* vi. 1—3.

